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**From:** Patheal, Bella [Patheal.Bella@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 2/26/2019 9:15:50 PM  
**To:** Wu, Jennifer [Wu.Jennifer@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Chung, Angela [Chung.Angela@epa.gov]; Opalski, Dan [Opalski.Dan@epa.gov]; Lidgard, Michael [Lidgard.Michael@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Pls RW by 2/26/19: CMS AX-19-000-2748 re: WA federal hydroelectric facilities  
**Attachments:** Let Washington Ecology do its job.docx

Jenny, I am routing our response to Angela for concurrence then take it to Pam at the RA's office. I made a few edits – just added the CMS template language.

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**From:** Wu, Jennifer  
**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2019 2:46 PM  
**To:** Patheal, Bella <Patheal.Bella@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Pls RW by 2/26/19: CMS AX-19-000-2748 re: WA federal hydroelectric facilities

Bella, I'm going to drop the CMS file to you. Here's the email response that Dan has ok'ed.

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**From:** Opalski, Dan  
**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2019 2:42 PM  
**To:** Wu, Jennifer <Wu.Jennifer@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Lidgard, Michael <Lidgard.Michael@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Pls RW by 2/26/19: CMS AX-19-000-2748 re: WA federal hydroelectric facilities

Please go with what you shared with me last. Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 25, 2019, at 2:16 PM, Wu, Jennifer <Wu.Jennifer@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Dan (cc: Mike),

The RA's office says that the CMS must be signed by Chris Hladick because the original email was sent to Administrator Wheeler. Therefore, I have to send the response to the RA's office by tomorrow, 2/26/19. Feel free to let me know if the email below is okay, and if it is, I'll follow up on the instructions on the CMS to send this to the RA's office.

E-mail in response to CMS AX-19-000-2748 re: WA federal hydroelectric facilities

Dear Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Thank you for your email on February 9, 2019 regarding permits for hydroelectric generating facilities on the Lower Columbia and Lower Snake Rivers. To clarify, the EPA has not issued these permits and is continuing to work on them. The EPA withdrew its request for certification under the Clean Water Act Section 401 to the Washington Department of Ecology on February 1, 2019. This is because we determined that the permits require additional internal review before making drafts available for public comment. We fully intend to request certification under the Clean Water Act Section 401 from Washington Department of Ecology after completing the internal review and updating the preliminary draft permits. When the EPA issues public drafts of the permits, there will be an opportunity to comment. If you would like to be notified when the public comment period begins, please feel free to contact Jenny Wu at [Wu.Jennifer@epa.gov](mailto:Wu.Jennifer@epa.gov) or at 206-553-6328.

Sincerely,  
Chris Hladick